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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

As illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, the lingual section 28 has a notch 32 that extends in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the archwire slot liner 14. The notch 32 has an overall rectangular shape when viewed in directions along an occlusal-gingival reference axis, although other shapes are also possible. As shown for example in Figs. 2 and 3, the notch 32 has an open lingual side.